

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL

FOR COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN



The First Responder Protocol reflects the County's commitment to treating CSEC as **victims of child abuse and human trafficking**, rather than criminalizing them as delinquents. It reflects an understanding that these children have experienced and been exposed to severe violence, threats, and trauma.

72 hours The protocol describes what each agency will do within 72 hours.

The protocol was established on August 15, 2014 with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Century and Compton stations and the Long Beach Police Department. The protocol was expanded on June 19, 2015 to the Sheriff's Transit Bureau - LA Basin, again on December 9, 2015 to the Los Angeles Police Department's 77th and Southeast stations, and on May 12, 2016 to the Lancaster, Palmdale, and Santa Clarita stations.



131 recoveries

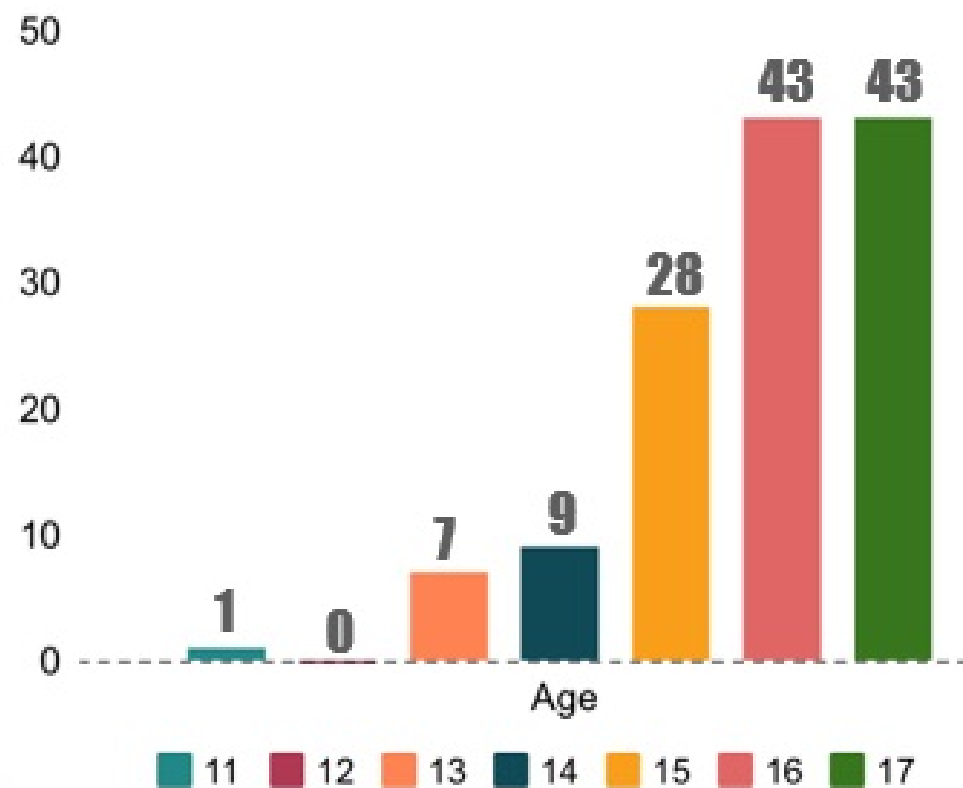
112 unique individuals



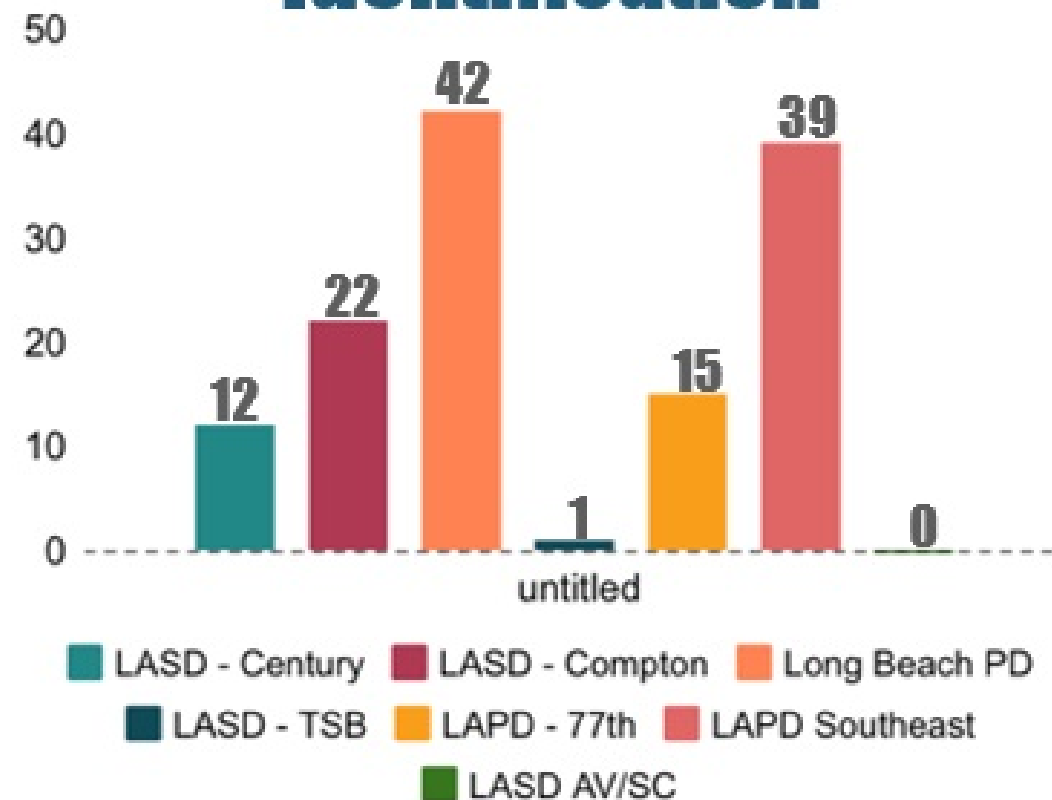
What the data tells us...

August 15, 2014 – July 17, 2016

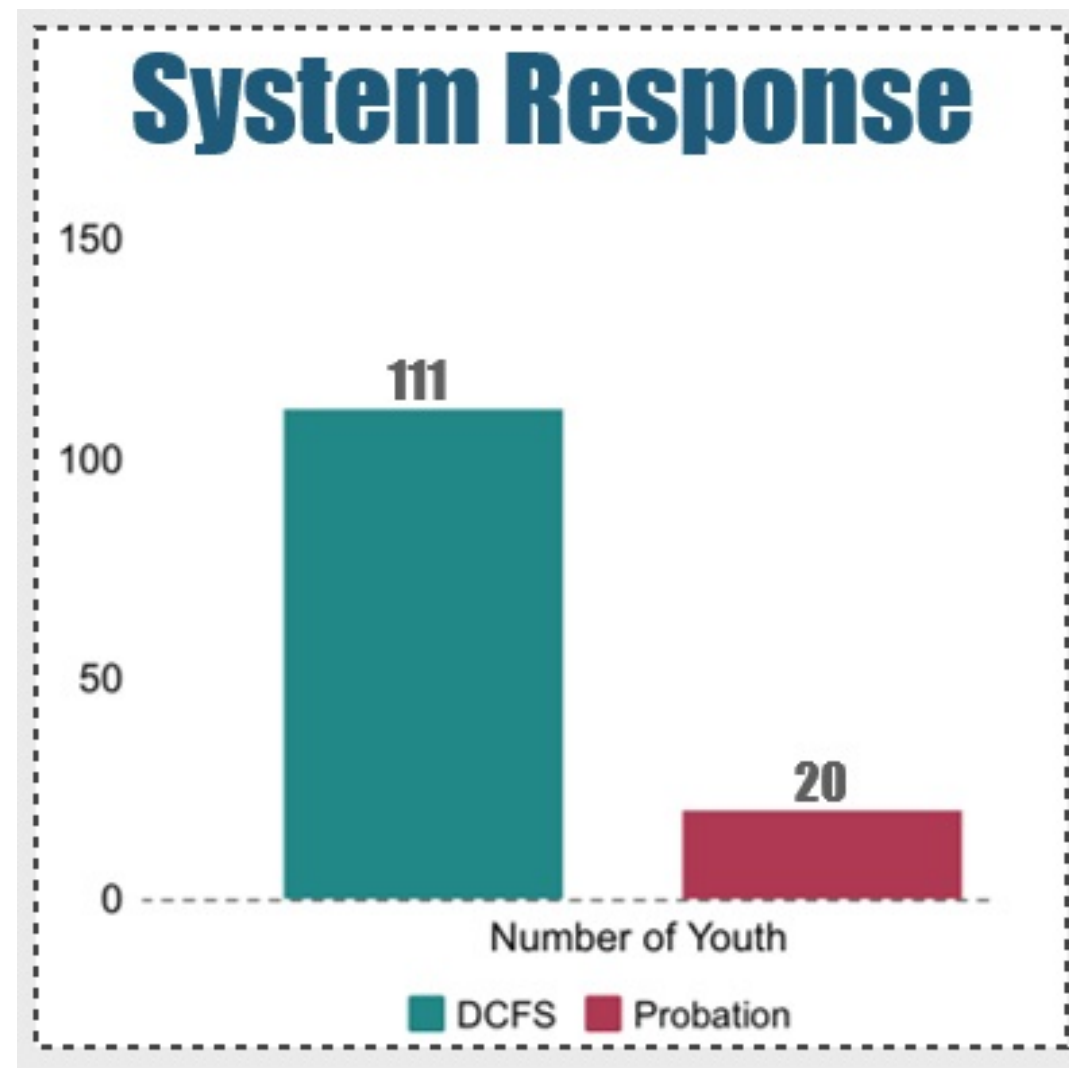
Age of Youth



Law Enforcement Identification

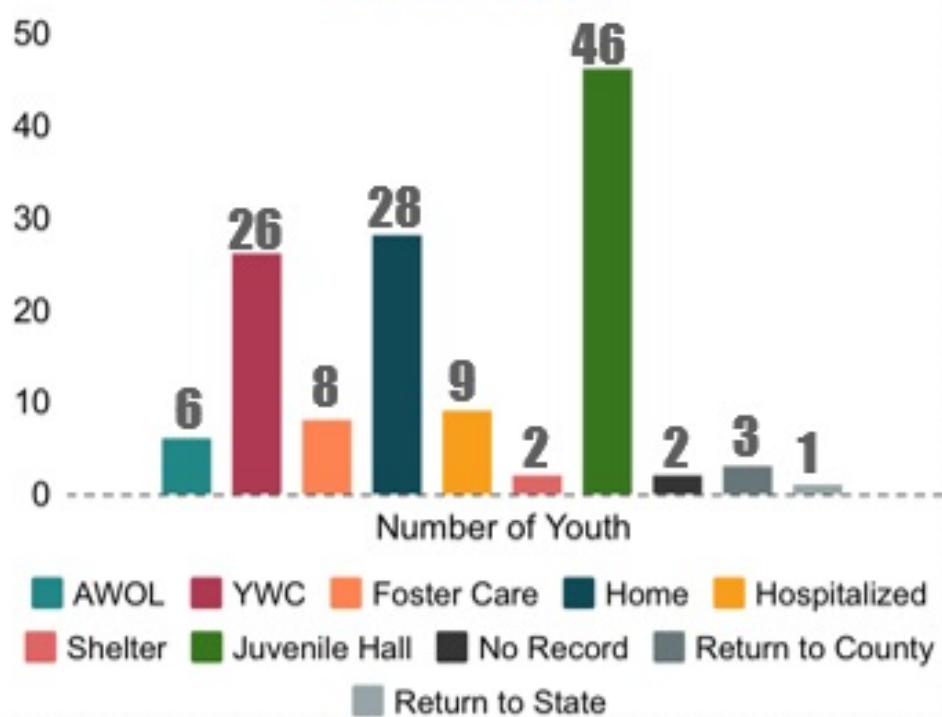


15.7 Average age

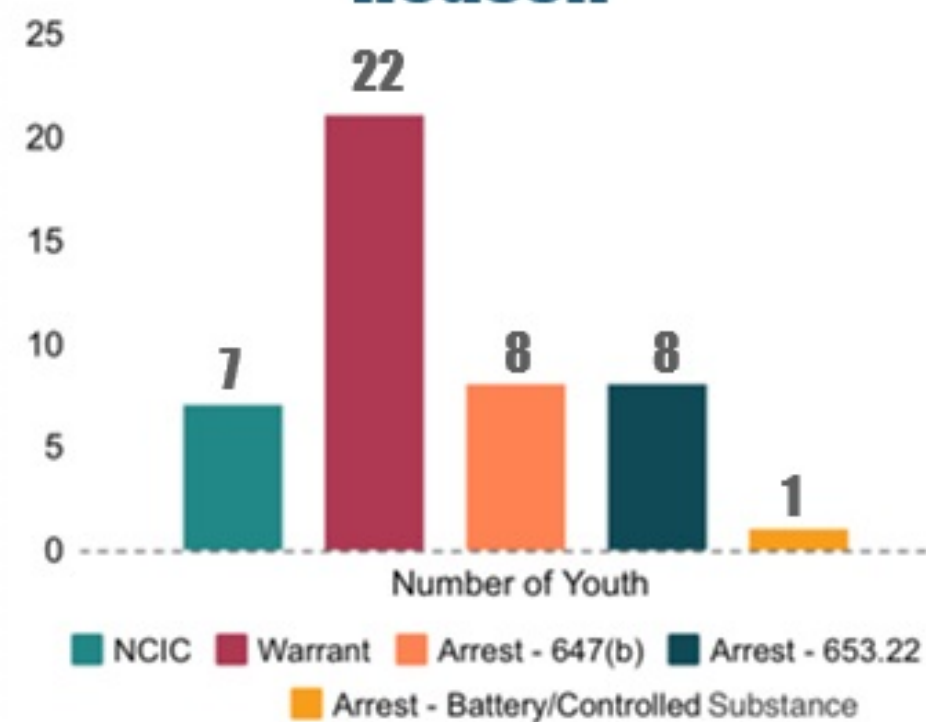




Initial MDT Decision



Juvenile Hall Reason

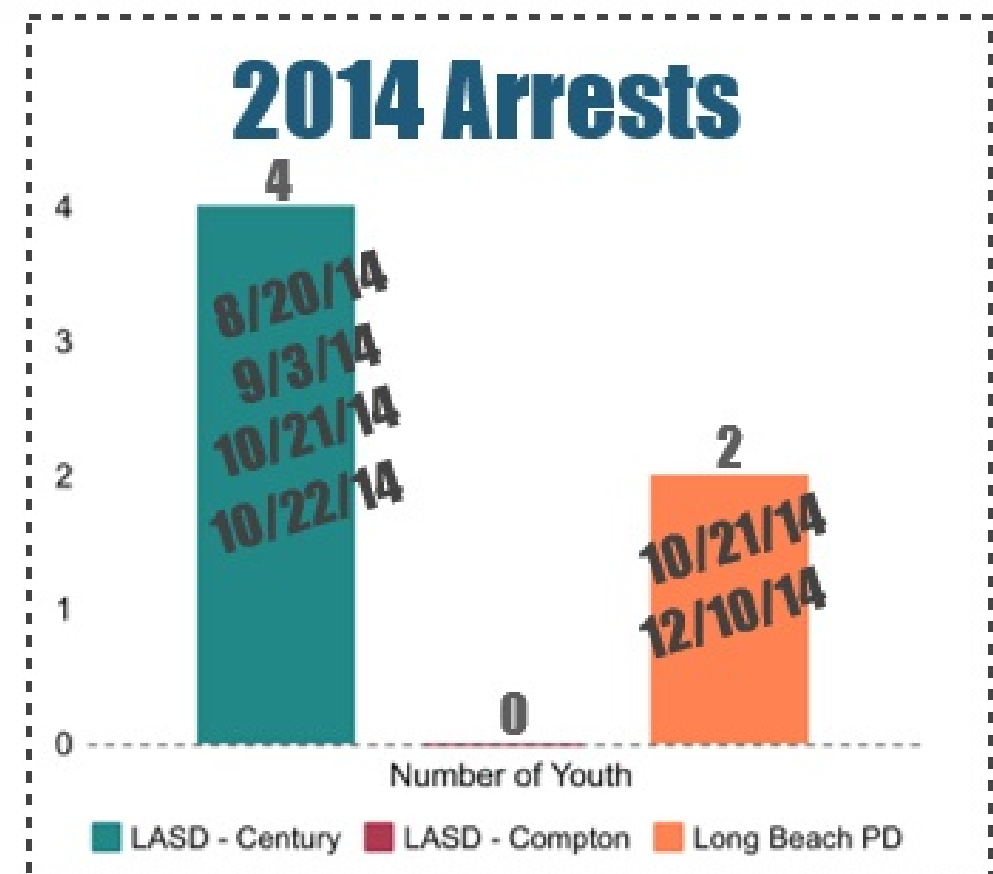


141 arrests
prior to the
First
Responder.
Protocol

16 arrests since
the Protocol
has been
initiated.

Prior to the CSEC First Responder protocol, patrol deputies were left with few options. The CSEC First Responder Protocol changed all that. They are now able to go out and confidently rescue CSEC children, knowing they can get back out to the street quickly to back up their partners. Everyone benefits, especially the children.

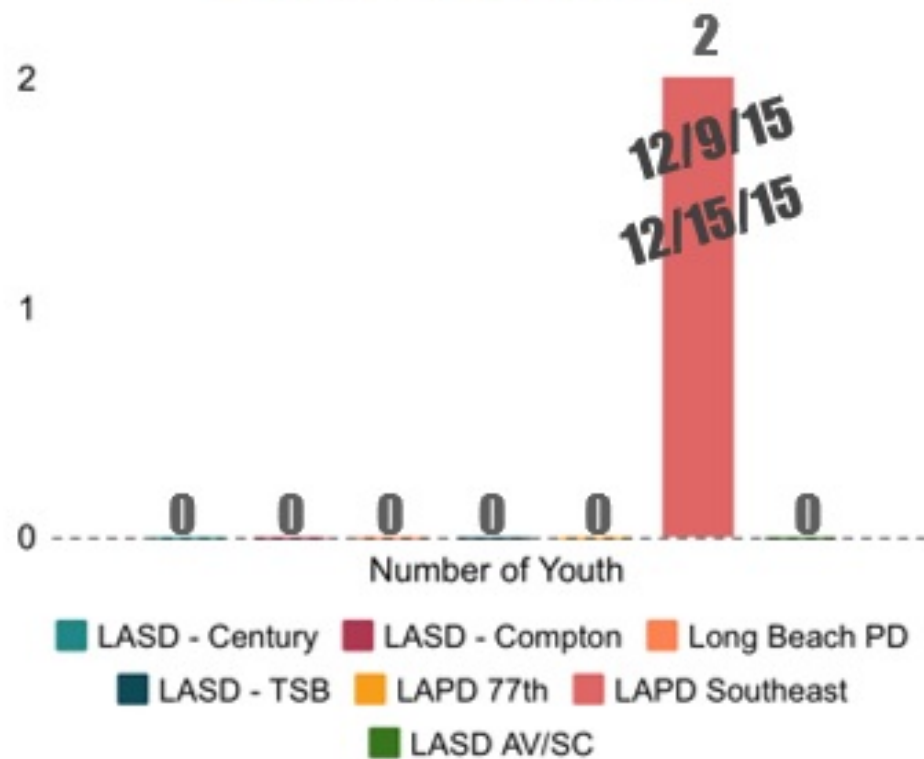
~ Law Enforcement Officer



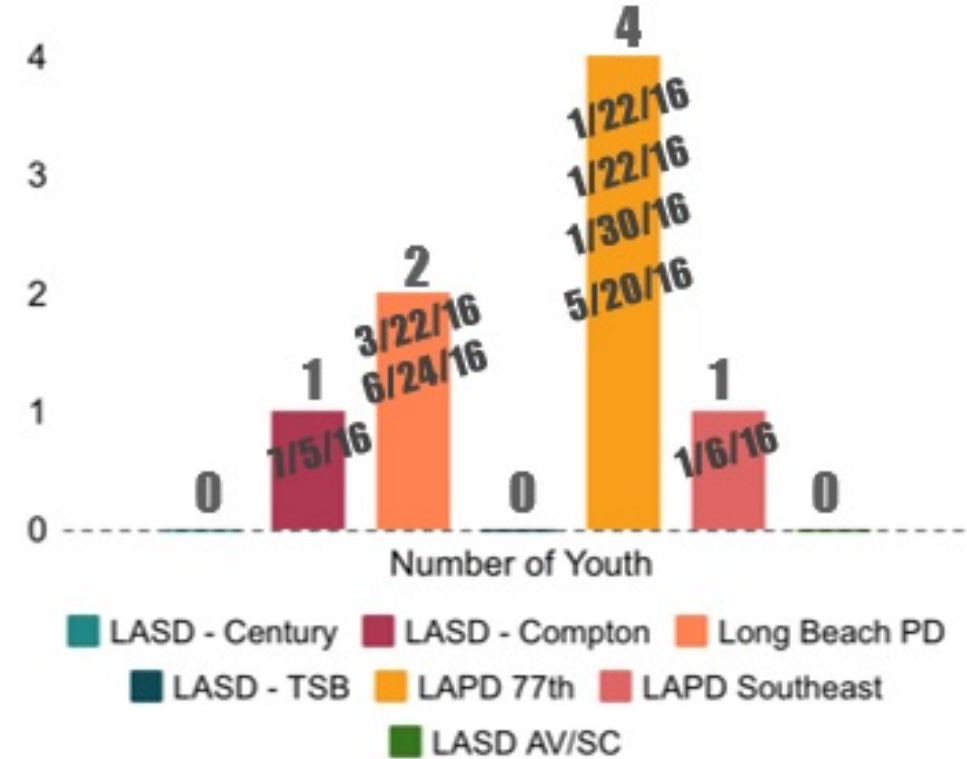
The multidisciplinary collaboration amongst providers led to a

89% ↓ of arrests in the pilot areas

2015 Arrests

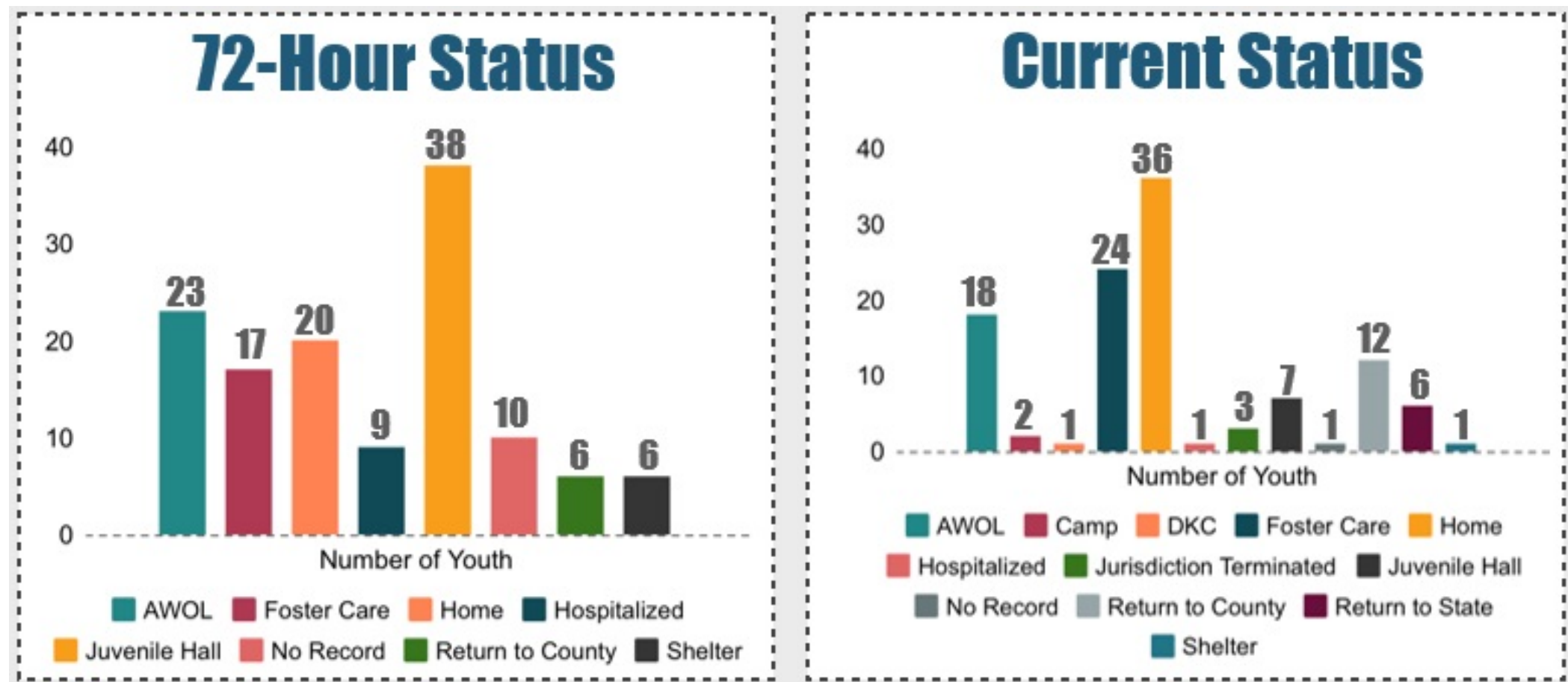


2016 Arrests



72-hr Status

Where are the youth now?



Youth Safe Zone

The **Safe Youth Zone** provides a temporary haven for CSEC youth facing a potentially threatening situation and needing a place to go. When youth go into one of the safe youth zones, the professionals will assesses immediate needs, report abuse, initiate the **First Responder Protocol**, and provide youth with a safe and secure space until responders arrive.

